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In compliance with the concise explanation requirement under 37 C.F.R. § 1.98(a)(3) for foreign language documents, Applicant submits the following explanations: English-language abstracts, submitted herewith, constitute concise statements of relevance for Japanese Patent Application Nos. JP 10-116490, JP 8-83780, JP 9-55363 and JP 2001-89749, which Japanese Patent Applications were previously cited and submitted with the Information Disclosure Statement of May 15, 2006. Further, the listed EP 1 369 906 corresponds to the listed WO 02/067309, the listed U.S. 5,920,500 corresponds to JP 10-116490, which was previously cited and submitted with the Information Disclosure Statement of May 15, 2006, and the listed U.S. 5,770,095 corresponds to JP 8-83780, which was previously cited and submitted with the Information Disclosure Statement of May 15, 2006.

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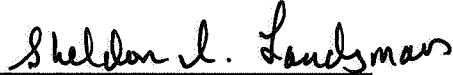
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